



Tribal Update

Seven Rivers 4-H Accepting Enrollments

New enrollments are being accepted until April 30. The 4-H club is open to any Colorado youth 5-18. 4-H work centers on projects that are fun, hands-on experiences for youth. Through project work, members learn life skills, communication, record keeping, decision making and leadership. We are also looking for adult leaders. Local leaders help to provide a satisfying experience for 4-H members. It takes teamwork of leaders, parents, members and agents to do this. If any families are interested, please pick up a form at the Southern Ute Agriculture building at 655 County Road 517 or contact Leonora Burch at 970-563-0220 ext. 3504.

Hunter Education Coming to Ignacio

Hunter education courses are recommended for anyone who spends time in the outdoors, whether or not they intend to hunt. Basic outdoor skills acquired in a hunter education course can be invaluable during any outdoor activities. For example, survival basics can help you prepare for and deal with emergencies. And wildlife management lessons provide insight into how and why wildlife agencies manage the resource, particularly by using hunting as a management tool. Classes will be in Leonard C. Burch Building's Buckskin Charlie Room on March 29, 30, 31 and April 1 from 6:30 to 9 p.m., and on April 3 from 9 to 11 a.m. The minimum age limit is 10. Preregistration is required: the call Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Management at 970-563-0130. The cost is \$10. Participants must attend all classes, pass a written test, and demonstrate safe handling of firearms. The class limit is 20. Do not bring firearms or ammunition to class; items will be provided. For information on other classes in the area (Bayfield, Durango, Pagosa Springs), call the Colorado Division of Wildlife at 970-247-0855 or visit <http://wildlife.state.co.us/Education/HunterEducationCourses>.

Culture Fair Coming to Casino April 16

You are cordially invited to take part in the K-6 Cultures Coming Together Fair at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on April 16. We are looking for volunteers. This is a great opportunity to share your culture with our Ignacio students and keep the cultural connection going. We will be glad to assist you in creating your presentation. Each presenter will have his or her own booth. You choose the elements of your culture you'd like to share. We need your help to excite and educate the children about different cultures. Volunteers, call Lisa Brown at 970-563-0675 or 970-563-0650 or email lbrown@ignacio.k12.co.us.

Free Home Radon Testing Available

SUIT Environmental Programs is offering free home radon testing to tribal members. Please call 970-563-0135 ext. 2238 for more information. Priority goes to elders and those with infants in their homes.

Upcoming GED Test Dates Announced

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: April 2, May 7, and June 4. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Higher Education Building. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class and score a 450 on practice tests. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.

Tribal Health Sponsors Wellness Challenge

The Southern Ute Tribal Health Department is pleased to announce a new wellness challenge that is designed to help you feel better inside and out. The challenge begins March 19. The challenge is open to the first 15 eligible Native Americans. Work-out partners are allowed, but only Native American registrants are eligible for prizes and incentives. Body weight, blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol numbers will be monitored. There will be fitness assessments and fitness training, along with weekly healthy nutrition classes. There will also be weekly groups to discuss challenges. The top three participants each receive a top-of-the-line Polar Heart Rate Watch. Incentives will be given for strong participation. Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis. Call to reserve your registration spot. Next challenge may begin in July. The challenge is supported by a grant from Health Disparities Grant Program of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Any Native American 20 or older is welcome to call for questions or to reserve a registration spot. Call either Lynn Murison at 970-563-0154 ext. 2342 Henry Sun Eagle at 970-563-4751 ext. 2344.

Hand Game Practice

March 11 and 18, 2010 from 6 - 8 pm

Southern Ute Education Bldg. (333 Burns Avenue) Ignacio, CO
Come and learn how to play! Everyone invited!
Dinner will be pot-luck style so please bring a small food dish.
Any questions call Leonora Burch at
970-563-0220 or 970-759-1668

Correction

A Feb. 25 article on KSUT incorrectly identified Beth Warren. Her official title is community development director.

Tribal Council Seeking to Form Tribal Elders Task Force

Media Release

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

On March 4, a majority of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council passed Resolution 2010-49, which dissolved the tribe's Committee of Elders.

The Tribal Council is seeking to create an elders task force of four members of the prior Elders

Committee and four elders at large, all of whom shall be volunteers. This task force is to work on developing recommendations regarding a new committee that will focus only on supporting and preserving the tribal language and culture.

Elders who are interested in serving on the task force and who are committed to working toward a new language and culture com-

mittee will need to provide a letter of intent to serve on the task force, which can be turned into the Executive Office, a member of the Tribal Council or the staff of Elders Services.

These letters of intent must be received by April 1, at which time the Tribal Council will review the letters and appoint members to the task force.

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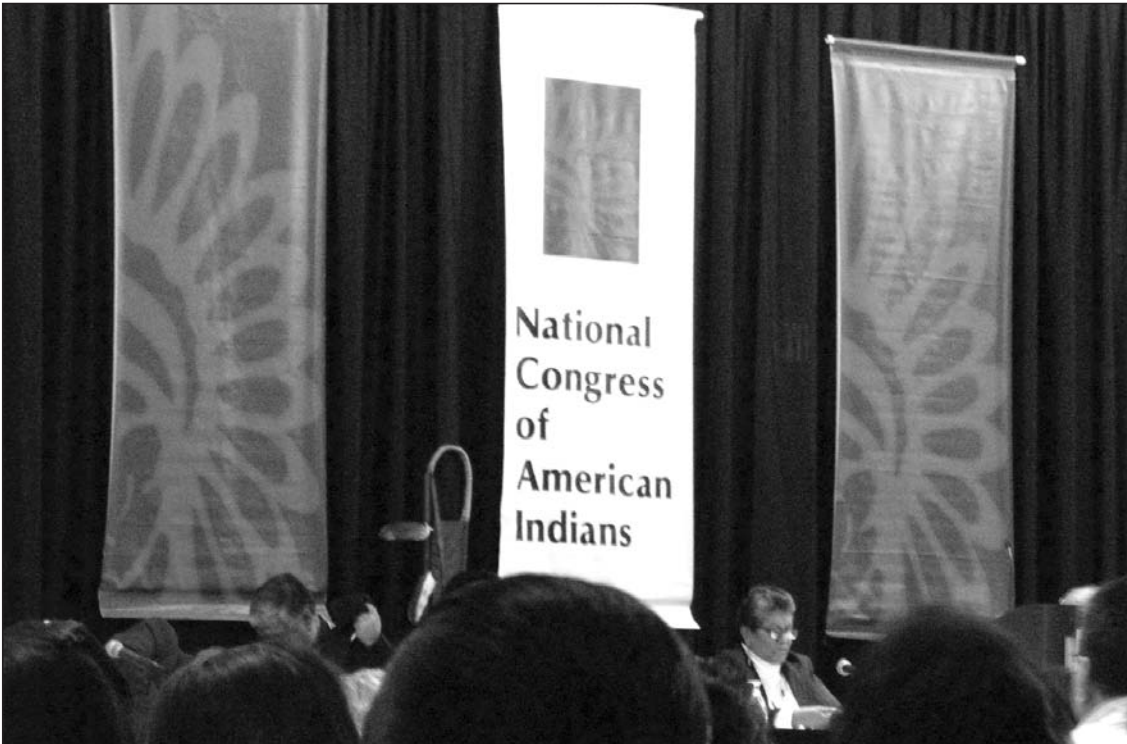


photo courtesy/Arla Duran

Tribal Council Chairman Matthew Box, Councilman Steve Herrera and Recording Secretary Arla Duran visited Washington D.C. earlier this month to attend the Executive Council Winter Session of the National Congress of American Indians. While there, Box said he focused on lobbying for energy issues and funding to renovate the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project, which serves about 12,000 acres in southwest Colorado, most of it tribal land.

its coffers by doubling the operations and maintenance fees tribal members pay from \$8.50 to \$17. He's hopeful the federal government will hold a hearing in the near future in which the Tribe can make its case in support of the proposed bill and for additional funds.

If the irrigation project were to be renovated to the point where millions of dollars in extra money

were no longer necessary, it might be worth the Tribal Council's time to consider taking over day-to-day operations through the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, as it did with the Health Clinic, he said. But those discussions, were they ever to happen, would still be years off, he said.

During the session, Box and Councilman Steve Herrera also

met with members of the Colorado delegation, including Sen. John Salazar and representatives of Sens. Udall and Bennet, to discuss drilling fees and other energy issues. Box said he broached the subject of increasing BIA staffing and funding for Contract Health Services and plans to return to those issues at the next NCAI meeting in South Dakota in June.

Southern Ute Tribal General Meeting

Friday, March 26, 2010
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center
Ignacio, Colorado
Lunch will be provided.

46th Annual Hozhoni Days

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Whalen Gym
Fort Lewis College
Durango, CO

March 26 & 27 2010

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Meskwaki Nation, Tama, IA

Host Southern Drum
Cozad, Anadarko, OK

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Dwayne Tofpi, Albuquerque, NM

Arena Director
Bruce LeClaire, Durango, CO

Head Judge
Chad Avery, Durango, CO

Head Gourd Dancer
Andrew Frost, Ignacio, CO

Color Guard
Fort Lewis College Veterans Club

Schedule

Fri, March 26

Gourd Dancing 6pm

Grand Entry 7pm

Sat, March 27

Gourd Dancing 11am

1st Grand Entry 1pm

Gourd Dancing 6pm

2nd Grand Entry 7pm

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Registration
Begins Fri 4pm
Drum Contest \$25
Dancers \$5
(W-9 required for cash prizes)



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For more information please contact the Native American Center @ 970-247-7221
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Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 3, 2010

10:00a.m.

Behind Sun Ute Community Center
Playground Area and Baseball Field
Ute Road

Ages: 0-4 5-8 9-13

Contact: 970-563-0246

Don Folsom 970-759-5979

Gail Pena 970-749-7149



Of Four Corners Interest

County Presents ‘Southwest Community Design Academy III’

La Plata County is hosting the third annual Southwest Community Design Academy (SWCDA). The SWCDA is seeking participants who have an interest in promoting quality design and development in their community. This nine-week interactive class is designed to bring together elected officials, active community members, local business leaders and interested citizens to make educated and significant contributions to the community while supporting sustainable development in a way that is symbiotic with local municipalities, neighborhood communities and sovereign nations. The purpose of this class is to educate, motivate and empower potential leaders and policymakers in the community so they can critically look at community design issues and articulately express their ideas within the community. The cost of the class is \$195. Classes will take place at the Durango Public Library, Room 1, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday evenings beginning March 15 and continuing until May 10. For additional information, contact Julia Stantic in the La Plata County Planning Department at 970-382-6261 or by email at stanticja@co.laplata.co.us.

Sunday at the Four States Ag Expo Celebrates Youth, Family

Hands-on happiness: that’s what the Four States Ag Expo is planning for kids and families on Sunday, March 21, at the Montezuma County Fairgrounds in Cortez. Actually, all four days of the Four States Ag Expo, March 18-21, 2010, will have events (like carriage rides, petting zoo, animals and more) to please everyone from the little guys to the more seasoned folks, but Sunday will have some especially kid-friendly bonuses:

- Stick Horse Rodeo
- Face Painting
- Mutton Bustin’ (for a small extra fee)
- Beef Show, with Youth Showmanship Contest

The Four States Ag Expo, held at the Montezuma County Fairgrounds in Cortez and now in its 28th year, is pleased to bring the community the largest “farm, ranch and more” show in the West, with something for everyone to see, do and enjoy.

For more information, visit www.FourStatesAgExpo.com or call 970-565-3414.

Lions Club Hosts Bayfield Hunter Education Course

A hunter education course, needed to qualify for a Colorado Hunter Education Certificate, will be offered March 23, 24, 26 and 27 at the Lions Club on Church Street in Bayfield. Preregister by calling the instructor at 970-247-0855. Class size is limited to 50 students, so preregistration is required. There is a \$10 fee for the course. Students must attend all class sessions. Class time on March 23, 24 and 26 is 6:30-9:30 p.m. Class time on March 27 is 9-11 a.m.

County Commissioners Seek Water Conservation Board Member

The La Plata County Board of County Commissioners is seeking an interested individual to serve as a member of the Southwestern Water Conservation District. The District was created by the State of Colorado to protect, conserve, use and develop the water resources of the San Juan and the Dolores rivers and their tributaries, and to safeguard for Colorado all waters of the basin to which the state is entitled. Included in the Southwestern Water Conservation District are nine counties, each with one representative: Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mineral, Montezuma, Montrose, San Juan and San Miguel. The length of term is three years. Individuals with experience or interest in water policy issues are encouraged to apply. All positions are voluntary. Detailed qualifications, the board description and an application may be obtained online at www.co.laplata.co.us or from the Information Desk of the La Plata County Courthouse at 1060 E. 2nd Ave. in Durango. For more information, call 970-382-6219.

Turtle Lake Refuge Offers Food Prep Class

The nonprofit Turtle Lake Refuge is offering “Alive and Wild,” a food prep class for optimal health, on Thursday evenings from March 11 through April 1. Classes run from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Turtle Lake Refuge (access from the alley of 848 E. 3rd Ave. in Durango). Anyone is welcome to attend all or any of the classes. Suggested donation is \$111, or \$33 a session. Net donations go toward the Sustainable Living Education Fund. Call Katrina Blair at 970-247-0514 for more information.

Ute Mountain Starting Men’s and Women’s Open Basketball League

League play will begin April 6 and the tournament will be played at the end of June. Entry fee is \$200 and must be paid before your team will be scheduled. Includes league play and tournament. Call 970-564-5752 or 970-564-5360 or e-mail ntrawee@utemountain.org for more information.

March Native Food Concession

Friday, March 19, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday, March 20, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Indian tacos, mutton stew and frybread. Buy three tacos and get the fourth one free. All proceeds benefit the Denver Christian Indian Center’s nonprofit status.

Denver Christian Indian Center, 501 South Pearl Street (corner of Virginia & Pearl) Denver, CO

Website: www.denvercic.org • Flyer: www.denvercic.org/CIC_Food_Concession10.pdf

Phone: 303-733-3693 • E-mail: christian_indian_center@msn.com

PowWow Trails 2010

36th Annual Denver March PowWow March 19-21, 2010

4600 Humboldt Street • Denver, CO

Contact: Grace B Gillette

Phone: 303-934-8045

Email: denvermarchpowwow@comcast.net

Web: denvermarchpowwow.org

33rd Annual SUU PowWow March 26-27, 2010

351 W Univ. Blvd • Cedar City, UT

Contact: Tina Calamity

Phone: 435-586-7772

Email: calamity@suu.edu

Web: suu.edu/orgs/nasa/

46th Annual Hozhoni Days PowWow March 26-27, 2010

Fort Lewis College Whalen Gym • Durango, CO

Contact: Asa Washines/Myra Britton

Phone: 970-764-7197

Email: wanbliota@fortlewis.edu

Web: Facebook keyword: 46th Annual Hozhoni Days

38th Annual USD Traditional Wacipi March 27-28, 2010

1001 East Main St. • Vermillion, SD

Contact: Wyatt Pickner - President

Phone: 605-941-7251

Email: tiospaye@usd.edu

Honor the Youth Contest Pow Wow April 3, 2010

9169 Coors Blvd. NW • Albuquerque, NM

Contact: Tom Goodluck

Phone: 480-221-3118

Email: thomas.goodluck@ihs.gov

Many Moons Ago



Photo Archives/DRUM

10 Years Ago

On Feb. 4, 2000, Joseph M. Weaver successfully completed Marine Corps recruit training in San Diego, Calif. Joseph began his training in November 1999 the training was approximately 12 weeks. Pictured (l-r) are Rudley Weaver (father), Alden J. Weaver (older brother), Nancy R. Weaver (little sister), Joseph M. Weaver and Edith J. Weaver (mother).

This photo was published in the Mar. 10, 2000, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Photo Archives/DRUM

20 Years Ago

Washington-bound students challenged the Southern Ute Tribal Council in the “Knowledge Bowl” on Feb. 28, 1990. Ann McCoy was the moderator who asked the questions on U.S. history. Students pictured (l-r) were Anthony Gunn, Johnita Taylor, Sadie Frost, Daphnee Washington and Amy Barry.

This photo was published in the Mar. 15, 1990, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

30 Years Ago

Unfortunately, there was not a Drum published to correspond with this issue of the Drum. Look for the 30 Years Ago photo in the March 26 issue of the Drum.

2010 Tri Ute Games - Fort Duchesne, Utah

July 21-25, 2010

Tri Ute Sports include: Archery, Volleyball, Bowling,
Cross Country, Basketball and Swimming

If you are between the ages of 11-18 & wish to participate in the games or would like to coach volleyball or girls basketball, please contact Michelle Alvarez at (970) 563-0100 Ext. 2208.

Deadline for players and coaches will be March 31, 2010



Ute Language

sag’aipüvÜ - Aspen tree

pawapÜ - Cedar tree

yüvüpÜ - Pine tree

waÇapÜ - Pinon tree

Editor’s Note: The Ute Language and “Translation” are transcribed from the 2000 Ute Dictionary, ©1996



Ignacio Community Library News & Events
“A cool place to check out!”

Computer Classes
Every Sat, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

March 20 - Email: Creating an account, if you don't have one, and becoming familiar with the electronic mail utilities.

March 27 - Microsoft Word: We will explore the many functions the program has to offer.

If there are additional computer applications in which you are interested, please feel free to suggest those at the Circulation Desk and we will do our best to assist you. Classes will be limited to 5 people per class, so if interested, sign-up at the Circulation Desk! If a class is full, just leave your name and a contact number with a staff member and we will add you to the next available class offered in the following month.

Knitting News
Every Tues., 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

As Spring approaches knitters gather in the Community Room to catch the sun's rays on their backs, enjoy friendly conversation, share skills, have an espresso and be creative. Come join us for a pleasant afternoon from 1 pm to 3pm every Tuesday

Senior Center Visit
Mar. 30, 11:30 - 1 p.m.

The Ignacio Library Staff will visit the Senior Citizen Center. Seniors can check out large print books, audio books and movies.

Calling All Artists

The library is looking for artists for the upcoming Spring Art Exhibit. Deadline for this exhibit will be Friday, March 19, 2010. Artists of all ages, levels and media are invited to participate. Interested artists can pick up an Art Exhibit Request Form at the circulation desk or download it at www.ignaciolibrary.org.

Book of the Month

Our Bookbrowse book for the month of March is Village of the Ghost Bears. In Village of the Ghost Bears, Trooper Nathan Active and his fellow law enforcement personnel must discuss the problem of polar bear poaching, because at least one of the suspects in the arson/murder has been involved in the illegal trade of selling polar bear gall-bladders to China.

New March Arrivals

Adult Non-fiction
Bright Wings An Illustrated Anthology of Poems About Birds
The Lady in the Tower: The Fall of Anne Boleyn by Alison Weir
The Last Train form Hiroshima: The Survivors Look Back
Mother Daughter Duet: Getting to the Relationship You Want with Your Adult Daughter
They Are Parents Too! How Siblings Can Survive Their Parents' Aging Without Driving Each Other Crazy
The Tassajara Bread Book by Edward Espe Brown
Peter Reinhart's Artisan Bread Everyday

Adult Fiction
Big Girl by Danielle Steel
Bloodroot by Amy Greene
The Hidden Flame by Davis T. Bunn
The Honor of Spies by W.E. B. Griffin
Summer on Blossom Street by Debbie Macomber

Adult Mystery Fiction
Death of a Valentine by M.C. Beaton
Deeper Than the Dead by Tami Hoag
The First Rule by Robert Crais
Treasure Hunt by John Lescroart
Village of the Ghost Bears by Stan Jones
Kisser by Stuart Woods

Adult Large Print
Impact by Douglas Preston
Joelle's Secret by Gilbert Morris
Straight From the Hip by Susan Mallery
Worst Case by James Patterson

New Teen Books
Sweet Little Lies by Lauren Conrad
Along For the Ride by Sarah Dessen
Crocodile Tears by Anthony Horowitz
Max by James Patterson
Abhorsen by Garth Nix
Once Was Lost by Sara Zarr
Manga Books

TEEN SCENE

Chess Tournament
Wed., Mar. 24, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Spring Break

Movie Day - Blind Side
Wed., Mar. 30, 3:30 pm

Wii Challenge
Wed., Mar. 31, 2 pm

Let's Party - April Fools
(just kidding, see you there)
Thurs., Apr. 1, 2 pm

Book Scavenger Hunt Winner
Congratulations to Kyle Bell!

Book Blog Winner
Congratulations to Jordan J. B. the February Book Blog winner. His book review is titled Dairy of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney. The next blog drawing will take place on March 31st. Look at what other kids are blogging about. www.iclbookblogs.blogspot.com

Preschool Story Time
Every Wednesday at 10:00 am. Come enjoy the fun of the literacy-enhanced story time.

Story Time
Wed., March 17 we will celebrate St Patrick's Day for story time. It will be a lucky day.

New Kids Book
Boo-Hoo Moo by Patatini Graves
Bubble Gum Chewing Rattle Snake
Flat Stanley Books

Kids Movie
Mar. 30, 11 a.m.

Wii Challenge, 9 & Under
Mar. 31, 1:00pm

February Donations
Total money donated was \$110.65. Item donations: 245 books & 57 movies& 10 audio books and magazines. Our volunteer's total hours of service was 52 hours. We thank you.

March Madness
March Madness is also upon us. As our high school team goes to State, we have some new books we have purchased on the subject and the new DVD, "Chiefs".

How to Build a Helicopter

By Don Folsom
SUPD Senior Community Resource Officer

When I jumped at the chance to be a mentor at the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, I didn't know what to expect.

Sure, I received the basic instructions during orientation, but I didn't know if I was going be paired up with a younger or older child, mellow or hyper, outgoing or introverted. Then Darrell Clah paired me up with my young mentee. We had a few moments to talk and introduce ourselves before Darrell handed us a monster Erector set.

This was a set with bags and bags of nuts, bolts, wires, girders and shaped panels; all those things that you can get lost in. This was the type of set jammed with so much stuff, my mom would have never bought it for me as a child because of the amounts of parts getting lost in the carpet would easily destroy several vacuum cleaners.

Pretty soon, the two of us settled down into a rhythm. He would hunt down the parts in the picture and hand them to me. I would place them together and get them where they needed to go. He would tighten the pieces



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Dante Milliano, a youth participant in the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, works on Monday, March 8, to construct an Erector set with Don Folsom, tribal employee, as part of the club's mentorship program. The youth meet with their mentors weekly to engage in a variety of activities fostering the bond between mentor and mentee. The mentorship program is usually held at SunUte Community Center.

and return to the stash of parts to hunt the next ones down. We would glance at the instructions together every now and then. But the project was ours to work out at our own pace. Pretty soon, a recognizable helicopter shape took place among the loose screws, nuts and girders. We were building our own project.

The mentoring began to look the same way. There were some instructions that were helpful.

When we met together for the first time, we found out that there were a lot of things that each of us brought to the relationship. We listened to each other and began to work together to accomplish something, and without really even trying the mentoring relationship started taking a recognizable shape.

Ours was a helicopter; what will your mentoring relationship look like?

The Wonderful World of Dr. Seuss



photo courtesy/Trish O'Brien, SUIMA

Pictured from left to right, Dominique Rael, Shoshone Thompson, Terena Hight, D'Vondra Garcia and Derek Sage read aloud as part of the annual celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. The upper elementary students read these stories to a captive audience of Primary students. The student activities took place on Tuesday, March 2, and included costumes, art projects and the preparation of the infamous green eggs and ham.

Education Department News
March 2010

After-school Academic Tutoring Programs Sponsored by the Southern Ute Education Department 970-563-0237.

Ignacio High School
(ninth-12th grade)
Room 4

A math teacher available during these times as well.
Mon.-Thurs., 3:45-5:45 p.m.
Mon., Tues., Wed., 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Ignacio Junior High School
(seventh and eighth grade)
Education Center
Homework support and math enrichment.
Mon.-Thur., 3:30-5 p.m.

Ignacio Intermediate School
(fourth-sixth grade)
Education Center
Math Club: program per grade level.
Monday: fifth grade
Tuesday: sixth grade
Wednesday: fourth grade
Thursday: fourth grade

Elementary Education Center
(Kindergarten-third grade)
Education Center
Monday: third grade
Tuesday: Kindergarten
Wednesday: second grade
Thursday: first grade

Reminder: All third-through-10th-grade students will be taking state testing (CSAP) over the next three weeks. Please help your child do their best by getting a good night's sleep and attending school each day throughout the testing weeks.

CSAP Testing Schedules

Elementary School
Third grade math and writing

Intermediate School
• Week One:
Tues., March 16; Wed., March 17; Thur., March 18
Sixth grade: 8:20-9:50 a.m.
Fifth grade: 8:20-11:30 a.m.
Fourth grade: 8:20-9:50 a.m.

• Week Three:
Tue., March 23; Wed., March 24; Thur., March 25
Fourth grade: 9:45-11 a.m.

High School and Junior High School
Mon., March 15; Tues., March 16; Wed., March 17
8 a.m.-noon each day

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Despite Loss, Lady Bobcats Plenty Proud of Season

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Traditional handshakes during player introductions weren't enough, apparently. No, the Burlington girls preferred a more up-close-and-personal method of meeting their mostly-unknown opponent, the Ignacio Lady Bobcats. Employing a sturdy full-court press after opening last Friday's 2A-Region I semifinal with a layup, the Lady Cougars denied IHS' inbounders attempt three times, then forced a turnover and buried a three-pointer on offense – all in the first 30 seconds.

"We try to press right away, just to get the game going our tempo," said BHS head coach Don Anderson. "And our girls did well with that; they took care of the ball, put pressure on the ball."

And did it well enough to take an 18-8 lead after eight minutes in Alamosa, survive Ignacio's comeback charge in the second quarter, then shut the door on the game in the third, en route to a 62-43 win inside Adams State College's Plachy Hall.

"The pressure in general was a bit much," said IHS head coach Brice Searles. "I think the whole situation, as far as being here for the first time in a while, it just took us time to get going. And I think we were caught a little bit off-guard about what to expect; we hadn't really had much information about them."

That is, other than a 14-7 record coming in, including losses to 2A Great Eight qualifiers Rocky Ford (twice), 2A top-ten teams Wray and Las Animas (once each), and Weskan – who just ended their season 22-3, a win away from Kansas' 1A Great Eight – in their season opener. Not too shabby.

"I'm proud of our girls. They played well and played hard," Searles stated.

Junior Rose Mirabal scored 14 points for Ignacio (7-14), as did freshman Michelle Simmons, many on drives to the basket resulting in trips to the free-throw line. BHS senior Brittany Weber, in particular, fell victim to those accelerations and picked up her third foul with 3:25 left before halftime.

Converting the shot, Simmons

cut the Lady Cougs' lead down to 26-18 after freshman Lindsey Hutchinson had started the rally with a trey, slimming the lead to 22-16. A later Simmons drive, followed in short order by Simmons completing a 1-and-1, narrowed the gap to just 29-24 before Burlington's Jade County dropped a short hoop at the other end.

"We did have a little lapse in that second quarter, probably should have got out of that full-court a little earlier," Anderson said. "But in the third they came back and stepped it up. We switched defenses, tried keeping the ball out of [Simmons'] hands, and that was effective."

County's bucket and another by BHS just before the half gave the Union Pacific League champs a 33-24 lead through two, and the Lady Cougars' run would reach 14 unanswered before Mirabal sank two free throws with 3:30 left in the third, making the score 43-26.

A three by Ori Swiatkowski put BHS ahead 52-28, before IHS freshman Pam Cotton (six points) countered with a nice baseline jumper from about 12 feet out, ending the third frame. And though Mirabal found her mid-to-long-range game in the fourth, swishing three shots, the damage was too great to overcome as Burlington was simply too burly inside and all-around in their desire.

"They did have size on us, were a little heftier, and they took advantage of it," said Searles. "That's one thing we're going to work on, is a little more weights and try to get more power in our game."

Freshman Mariah Vigil and junior Sara Hutchinson rounded out Ignacio's scoring with four and

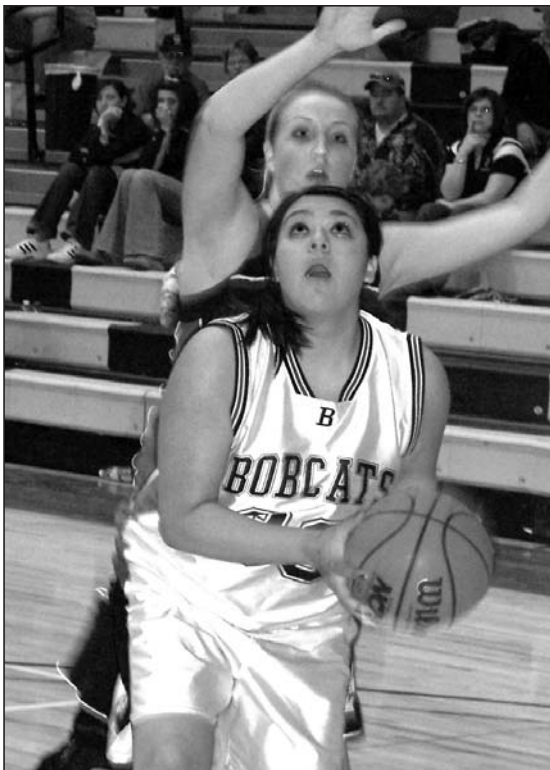


photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio freshman Mariah Vigil senses danger lurking in the form of Burlington's Jade County as she prepares to shoot late in a Feb. 5 game in Alamosa.

two points, respectively, against Burlington's interior. Conversely, sophomore Bailey Tillitson – who started on the bench despite being BHS' top scorer – finished with ten, County netted six, and Weber led all with 16. Ten of those came in the third, when she and junior Danielle Penny (14 points) were simply too fast in transition and gained chances for simple, fast-break layups.

"I'm just pleased with all our girls' efforts. They had a great opening day," said Anderson. "For a five-hour bus ride, we're feeling good right now!"

"No question I'm looking forward to next year. To get some people really built for their position, designed for their position, there's a lot we're going to have to work with over the summer ... But overall, I think we didn't do too bad," said Searles. "And again, we've got a lot of work to do, but ... this is all gravy considering the fact we even made it this far. So I'm glad for the experience for the kids, I really am."

Burlington (15-8) fell in the regional's finale, 55-44 to Sangre de Cristo (Mosca). The Lady Thunderbirds (18-6) had first ousted West Central League champs South Park (Fairplay; 14-8), 54-38.

Perfect Season Ends on High Note



The Ignacio Junior High School boys basketball A team brought their "A" game not just to the Escalante Eagles, but to every team they faced this year, rendering the Bobcats undefeated. The Junior High squad, led by head coach La Titia Taylor, dealt the final blow of the season by defeating the Eagles on Tuesday, Feb. 23, on Ignacio's home court with a decisive score of 42-32. Clayson Smith (upper left) and Adison Jones denied Escalante a chance at narrowing the margin by two with a ferocious block. Also pictured are Wyatt Hayes and Adam Herrera. The following week, the Bobcats were honored with an awards celebration that included a trophy presentation and bowling at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Rolling Thunder Lanes. See more photos on page 12.

photo Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

Ignacio High School 2010 Spring Sports Schedule

TRACK

March	6	Farmington Invite	A	9 a.m.
	13	Piedra Vista	A	9 a.m.
	20	Bloomfield Quad	A	9 p.m.
April	3	Harry Hays Invite (Bloomfield)	A	8:30 a.m.
	10	Pine River Invite (Bayfield)	A	9 a.m.
	17	Ron Keller Invite (Durango)	A	9 a.m.
	23	Cortez Invite	A	TBA
May	1	Alamosa Invite	A	9 a.m.
	8	Bayfield League	A	9 a.m.
	13/14	Regionals (Grand Junction)	A	10 a.m.
	21/22	State (Denver)	TBA	



SOCCER

March	13	Telluride	H	11 a.m.
	16	Bayfield	H	4 p.m.
	23	Pagosa Springs	H	4 p.m.
April	9	Center	H	4 p.m.
	10	Ridgway	H	11 p.m.
	16	Ridgway	A	4 p.m.
	20	Bayfield	A	4 p.m.
	23	Telluride	A	4 p.m.
	27	Pagosa Springs	A	4 p.m.
May	1	Center	A	11 a.m.

Ignacio High School

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BASEBALL

March	13	Antonito	A	V/V	11 a.m.
	18-21	Piedra Vista	A	V	TBA
April		Tourney			
	6	Sargent	A	V/V	11 a.m.
	10	Pagosa Spgs.	H	V/V	11 a.m.
	13	Dove Creek	H	V/JV	1 p.m.
	17	Dolores	H	V/JV	11 a.m.
	20	Nucla	H	V/JV	1 p.m.
	24	Dove Creek	A	V/V	11 a.m.
May	27	Dolores	A	V/V	1 p.m.
	1	Nucla	A	V/V	11 a.m.
	8	Districts	TBA		
	14-15	Regionals	TBA		
	20-22	State	TBA		

'Cats Dominate Regionals • from page 1

served up by Brooks (20 points total) against Dawson – on Brooks' 16th birthday, to boot. Herrera also swatted away 17 shot attempts by the opposition. Junior Pedro Vigil netted 23 points total, while Hayes hung a critical dozen on ADS alone.

Matt Hart led the Mustangs (16-8) with 26 points, while Jose Uriarte led the Trojans (14-9)

with 16. Both players were senior guards; senior posts James Blue (6-foot-7) of Dawson and Jose Taylor (6-foot-5) of Antonito were stymied to the tune of 11 points combined.

IHS improved to 21-2 overall entering the tell-all tests in the 3,900-capacity venue, and though guaranteed two days in Colorado's Steel City, the

Bobcats want to be there for all three – especially at 7 p.m. Saturday, in the grand finale.

"Absolutely higher hopes (than last season)," head coach Chris Valdez said. "But we're going to take it one game at a time."

Ignacio will face either 4-seed Limon or 5-seed Sargent at 8:30 p.m. Friday. The losers will play at 1:15 p.m.

San Juan League 2010 All-Conference Wrestling

FIRST TEAM	HONORABLE MENTION	THIRD	FOURTH
112 Cole Baughman (DC)			
119 Alex Pena (Ign)	Keegan Arnold (Nuc)	Dalton Randolph (DC)	Colton Shull (Dol)
125 Tray Sickels (Nuc)	Jeff Herrera (Ign)	Jordan Lestina (DC)	Logan Willbanks (Dol)
130 Casey Haga (Ign)	Jeff Sparks (DC)	Brandon Morgan (Nuc)	
135 Seth Gabardi (Nor)	Ryan Johnston (Dol)	Kevin Park (Ign)	Richard Duke (Nuc)
140 Josh Plehinger (Ign)	Levi Randolph (DC)	Dallas Herrigan (Nor)	Chad Stoner (Nuc)
145 Brent Harris (Nor)	Ethan Pearson (Ign)	Dillon Sanders (DC)	
152 Seth Knob (Nuc)	Darren Lagerstrom (Ign)		
160 Derrick Naranjo (Ign)			
171 Colton Wyatt (Ign)	Ethan Alexander (Nor)	Dirk Smuin (Nuc)	
189 Justin Guynes (DC)	Ty Laframboise (Nor)		
215 Chance Wyatt (Ign)	Jerron Ragsdale (Nor)		
Hwt. Blaine Daves (DC)	Jared Ruybal (Ign)		

TEAM SCORES:

First: Ignacio (140 pts.) Second: Dove Creek (80 pts.) Third: Norwood (65 pts.)
Fourth: Nucla (60 pts.) Fifth: Dolores (21 pts.)

WRESTLER OF THE YEAR
Alex Pena (Ign)

COACH OF THE YEAR
Bob Overturf (Ign)

Patrick Hight Memorial Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament

April 30th, May 1st & 2nd
SunUte Community Center
Ignacio, Colorado

Entry Fee: \$200

1st Place - Pendleton Jackets & Prize Money (TBD)
2nd Place - Pull-overs & Prize Money (TBD)
3rd Place - Shirts & Prize Money (TBD)

MVP & ALL-TOURNEY AWARDS

Information, contact: Damon WhiteThunder (970) -563-0214, Danielle Hight (970) -553-9470





Greetings

WahCHEW-wi-knee (8)

March 12, 2010



Birthday Greetings & Congratulatory Wishes



Happy 2nd Birthday Christopher!!!

Have a great day hito!!!

**Love You Lots,
Auntie, Uncle,
Jade & Sen**

To Wendell J. Vigil, (3-3)

Happy belated birthday my oldest & favorite Son.I wish you lots of love & happiness on your special day.I did not forget your birthday, I just forgot to submit a wish for you.I appreciate all that you do for me.I especially enjoy camping with you,Betty & grandson Sam.I can't wait to do more camping, fishing & boating with you guys this summer. It is always fun to be around you. Mostly, thank you for understanding the reasons I chew you out sometimes, (not all the time), it's because I love and care for you.I will always give you some sound advice & I encourage you to be strong and level headed.It is you that will determine how to make the most out of your life and the things that you accomplish. Make good choices.May the Creator always be around you,and protect you from all harm. Be good. I am sure you enjoyed your day. I love you very much, and know that I always

will be here for you & your small family. I am very blessed to have you as my son & my very best friend. Thanks for the laughter that you bring to me each day.

**Love you 4ever,
Mom Darlene**

To Tara L. Vigil, (3-11)

Happy Birthday to my lovely and favorite Daughter.My wish for you is to stay strong as you always have been.You are a smart lady,and I am very proud of the way you carry yourself.You have been blessed with many,many friends. I want to thank you for always being around for me. Know that I appreciate all that you do as my daughter and my very best friend.I cannot ask for a better daughter than you, and I am very blessed.I know that you know I will ALWAYS be here for you and to help you out the best I can. You have a very caring heart because you love & care for all your children no matter the cause, and you continue to love & care for them always. I applaud you for taking the "bull by the horns" when it comes to your children's education, because you want them to succeed & to be the best they can be. I am quite sure they will thank you for that, and have thanked you. So, my daughter, my wish for you is to continue to be who you are, very caring & loving. Thank you for all the laughs we continue to have together. I am very blessed to have you as my daughter. May our Heavenly Creator continue to bless you, & protect you from all harm.

**Love you 4ever,
Mom Darlene**



Happy Birthday to Ethan Ben Barry on March 17, 2010

May you have a wonderful day and know that we love you bunches!

Auntie Amy, Uncle Mario & the Fam Bam

Happy Birthday to my big brother Wendell on 3/3

Thanks for all your help brother when it comes to my boys, thanks for teaching them your hunting, fishing & camping skills & talking to them when they need a talking to, thanks for checking in with my girls making sure they are always in check when it comes to school & boys, even though we have our ups and downs I have to remember that you are my ELDER (hahaha) and I respect you even when you are wrong. Thanks for being the best big brother! God Bless you on your special day!

Love your

YOUNGER sister Tara

Happy Birthday to my Nino Wendell on March 3rd

Thank you for always being there for me and for making me a better person.I love you today and always.God Bless You.

**Your Nephew/God-Son,
Jesse**



I would like to wish my son a very happy birthday on March 12th

Son, I'm so thankful you are in my life. Without you, I wouldn't be complete. I love you and I am here for you. You've grown so much and I'm very proud to be a part of the responsibility for being your parent.

**Love your mother,
Valerie Eustace**

A Happy 13th Birthday to Chris Stewart Cloud (aka Stew)

Stew you have grown so much over these years. I can't believe how time just flies. You were just a cute little boy and now you're a young lad. We just want you to know that we love you very much and we're proud of all your accomplishments in everything you do. We're thankful the Lord blessed us with such a smart, caring Grandson like you. Keep up the good job of having good grades in school. Skies the limit stew! The Lord bless you on your birthday and every day of your life.

**Love you always,
Grandma Sharon Cloud,
Ronnie, Auntie Charlie & all relations**



Congratulations Alex!

Once again we would like to congratulate our nephew Alex Pena for his outstanding wrestling skills at state! Once again, you are State Champ - hang loose!

Uncle Sam & Aunt Mary

Happy Birthday to my brother Joe and my nephew Joseph on 3/22

You are already blessed my brother for having your son born on your b-day and of course he acts just like you. I have never been around anyone as funny and crazy as you two, whether your telling me a joke, teasing me, giving me a new nickname or telling me a story, you know how to make me laugh as well as everybody around you. God Bless you both on your special day!

Love your Sis & Aunt Tara

A time to remember...

Naomi Lopez Rabbit: March 25, 1916 - March 8, 2008

Vera Red: March 11, 1945 - July 11, 2007

Daniella Howe: February 14, 1947 - March 18, 2000

Our Grandmother. Our Mother. Our Sister. Our Aunt.

You have touched each of us in many ways, left an impression of love in our hearts. Imprinted our souls with care. You gave unto us life, which we are eternally grateful. You taught us to love one another, be there for each other and to care for each other, and help when in need. Without your love and guidance we were lost, we looked to you for strength and compassion. Your smile enlightening our spirit. You came and went, in and out of our lives, which seemed quickly, but your lasting impression will live within each of us forever.

Happy Birthday Mom - Happy Birthday Grandma

Love - The Entire Red Family



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2010 Women's Open 6 on 6 Volleyball League

Women's Volleyball Teams
Tuesday nights, beginning March 23, 2010

Deadline to register is March 19, 2010
Entry Fee is \$250.00 per team.

Entry fee MUST be paid no later than Friday, March 19, 1020 in order for your team to ensure a spot in the league.

To register your team or for more information contact:
RC Lucero at 970-563-0214

Co-ed Indoor Soccer League

Men and Women Soccer Players
Ages 16 and older
Mondays beginning March 29, 2010

Deadline to sign up is Friday, March 22, 2010 by 5:00 p.m.
Entry Fee is \$250.00 per team.

Games will be 5-vs-5 and will be played Monday nights beginning at 6pm.
Shin guards are required.

For more information contact: Ian Twiss at 970-563-0214



B&GC Youth Attend Film Fest



photo courtesy/Mari Villaluna

“The Club,” a teen night program of the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, took a trip to the Durango Independent Film Festival earlier in March to watch several films made by Native independent filmmakers.

Here they visit with filmmaker Tracy Rector, executive director and cofounder of Longhouse Media/Native Lens. She worked on the film called “March Point,” in which three teens on the Swinomish Reservation want to make a gangster film, but instead make a film about their treaty rights to tribal lands lost, and about the oil refineries polluting their marine life.

The youth, pictured from left to right, are Roshae Weaver, Talia Porambo, Willanna Price, Maylon Newton, Kei’Andra Price, Tanisha Collins and Andrew Morgan on bottom. Every Wednesday night, “The Club” runs from 4-7 p.m. at the SUCAP Teen Center. It provides dinner and rides home within 5 miles. For more information on “The Club” and future events, call Darrell or Mari at 970-563-0214.

Shopping for the Perfect Vest

*By Don Oliver
Special to the Drum*

Several weeks ago, I was on a fly-fishing trip to Texas. On the first morning I watched one of my friends, Jim, spread all the contents of his freshly washed fishing vest around it and then meticulously place each item in its designated pocket.

He’s a dentist, so his obsession with neatness and order is understandable. Since this was a guys-only fly-fishing trip, we were allowed to talk about sex, religion, politics, whisky and fishing. But since this was morning and we hadn’t consumed any whisky – yet – all conversation about sex, religion, and politics was out. The conversation naturally turned to fly-fishing, and more particularly fly-fishing vests.

Seeing that both of us are extremely wise (i.e. old), our conversation took on a philosophical tone. We felt the first question that had to be answered was, “What is it that determines the perfect vest?”

With all the choices of different vests on the market, making that determination is no easy task. In today’s world, there is an entire



industry dedicated to different products that will hold all your fly-fishing gear. There are traditional vests, fanny packs, chest packs, bandoleers, shoulder bags, and shirts with eight or nine pockets. I have to admit I have tried all of them, and have decided a traditional vest is best for me.

After much conversation about the perfect gear-holding product, we decided proper fit is the most important part. I elaborated and Jim concurred: “It’s sorta like a woman picking a sports bra, or a man trying to decide on the correct athletic supporter.” If it’s too big, it won’t hold everything in the correct position, and if it’s too small it will pinch and bind. To get the perfect fit you need to

go try them on.

Next you have to decide how much stuff you want the vest (or other product) to hold. It is possible to buy a vest with more than 30 pockets. That might sound really cool, but think about wearing a vest with all 30 pockets containing something. Frankly, a 30-pocket vest filled to the brim could take you to the bottom of a deep lake.

Since I am actually on the quest for a new vest, and have done this before, I take my fly boxes along when trying on a vest. I want to make sure the pockets are the correct size for my fly boxes. Different manufacturers have different patterns, and I don’t want to have to replace all my fly boxes.

The next question is, “When does one need a new vest?” I am on this journey because the original color of my vest cannot be determined, it has holes in it where someone has placed cigars that weren’t completely out (I hate to litter), it smells like fish, and it is beginning to rot. I think my vest has just reached maturity, but since my wife won’t let it in the house, I find myself out shopping. Oh, the lengths we fly-fishermen go to to keep our wives happy.

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photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Animas-La Plata Project workers use a 20-ton crane to remove bulkhead gates along the Animas River on Wednesday, March 3, in preparation to pump water from the Animas River into Ridges Basin, filling Lake Nighthorse. Joe Edison of the contractor group Gardner Zemke stands in the foreground, while Bradley Hight of the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe’s Weeminuche Construction Authority is in the background.

cubic feet of water per second – enough to fill a 660,000-gallon Olympic-size swimming pool in about five minutes.

This early in the year, the activation of a 14 CFS pump was all the river could take. The ALP is bound not to drain the river too low, and meters upstream and downstream from the pump house monitor the flow closely. But Gates said under ideal cir-

cumstances, with enough snow-fall in the winter to feed the river, pumping would continue year-round.

“That predicts everything for us,” he said.

Already, though, the basin is holding about 24,000 acre-feet of water and is 65 feet deep in some places, he said. Ultimately, plans call for a 120,000-acre-foot reservoir that will measure three

miles from one end to the other. There are also plans to stock the lake with about 50,000 trout, Gates said.

It remains to be seen when the lake might open to public use. Gates said the earliest possibility would be sometime in 2012. Currently, workers are constructing a boat ramp funded by a \$3 million grant from the State of Colorado.

The Southern Ute Royalty Committee Presents Royalty Workshop #1

Royalty Etiquette & Ute Language

The Southern Ute Royalty Committee will be sponsoring a series of workshops starting with the first workshop on April 01, 2010 at 6:00pm at the Sun Ute Recreation Center. These workshops are open to all eligible enrolled Southern Ute Tribal member girls between the ages of 5 to 25. Tribal eligible girls and their parents/guardians are invited to attend. We will have two tribal member guest speakers. Workshops are currently being planned to include a new royalty category this year, the Southern Ute Brave. Snacks will be provided and door prizes will be given away. For any questions please contact the committee secretary, Lorena Richards at 970-563-0255.

Aztec/Ignacio Shuttle Fare Increase Announcement

Effective: April 1, 2010 - By Transit Advisory Board Referendum

Price Change	Old	New
Cash Fare	\$3.00	\$4.50
Punch Pass ¹	\$15.00	\$22.50
Monthly Pass	\$60.00	\$90.00

Reduced pricing for Students, Disabled persons and Seniors over 55

Price Change	Old	New
Punch Pass ¹	\$12.00	\$19.50
Monthly Pass	\$50.00	\$75.00

Notice: Effective March 1, 2010 Road Runner Transit will no longer sell monthly passes for more than one month at a time.

¹New passes are available at \$1.50 per zone (punch) price.
A trip from Aztec to Ignacio or vice-versa is three zones or \$4.50.

Please refer any policy questions to Ron Gurule, Program Director 970-563-4545.
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March 20, 21 2010

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10 Player Roster

Players must be 72” in height or below to participate

Awards for Champs through 3rd place,
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Background: The intent of this RFP is to engage a competent professional to provide preliminary design services for a new Head Start facility in Ignacio, Colorado. Qualified firms and individuals are asked to provide specific information listed below to SUCAP no later than COB Friday, March 26, 2010. SUCAP is seeking a conceptual plan that will address the necessary size and scope of the project, provide graphic images that will assist in fundraising, and project the likely cost of construction. This RFP does not seek services that include preparation for construction bids, bid selection, or construction supervision.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

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The 2010 Census asks questions on: age, sex, Hispanic origin, race, relationship, and home (owned or rented).

Ignacio Home for Sale,
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Child Care Providers needed to open their doors to infants, toddlers and school age children. The Southern Ute Tribal Child Care Development Fund Program will cover the registration costs for upcoming classes that are required to become an in-home child care professionals. For information call 970-563-4740/0209, ext. 2459.

***Eric Spady, Executive Director
Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority
P.O. Box 447
Ignacio, CO 81137
E-Mail: espady@suiha.org***

The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority in Ignacio, CO is accepting proposals for the Fiscal Years 2010/2011 Financial Audit. The audit will include an audit of accounts and records of the Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority (SUIHA) for two 12 month periods ending September 30, 2011, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the auditing and reporting provisions of the applicable Housing and Urban Development Act of 1961.

Development Audit Guide for the Lower Income Housing Programs for use by Independent Public Accountants, the Single Audit Act of 1984 and the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and the provisions of OMB Circular A-133.

SUIHA currently uses MIP and HDS software. SUIHA has 109 Low Rental Units, 59 Mutual Help Units and 50 other Rental Units. The SUIHA receives an annual Indian Housing Block Grant of approximately 1.1 million.

Qualified firms shall be experienced in Public Housing Agency Audits, particularly in Indian Housing. We would like to negotiate a 2 year contract; preference will be given to Indian Owned Business. Proposals must be submitted to the Housing Authority by April 2, 2010 at 4:30p.m.

***Southern Ute Indian Tribe
SunUte Community Center.
P.O. Box 737
290 Mouache Drive
Ignacio, Colorado 81137
970-563-0214***

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe requests proposals from firms to provide concrete resurfacing services for the Pool Deck and Ramp Walkway of the SunUte Community Center.

Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's SunUte Community Center located at 290 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 1:00 PM MDT, Monday May 3, 2010. Submittals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact Precious Collins for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-0214 or pcollins@southern-ute.nsn.us.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. The TERO will certify any Native American owned business after filing the appropriate documents. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. ALL PROPOSALS MUST INCLUDE A 2% TERO FEE.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

*Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Construction & Project Management Dept.
P.O. Box 737
116 Mouache Drive
Ignacio, Colorado 81137
970-563-0138*

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for Constructability/Buildability Review for the new Youth Treatment Facility.

Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 1166 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 2:00 PM MDT, Tuesday, March 16, 2010. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact April Toledo for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-

0138 or atoledo@southern-ute.nsn.us.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. The TERO has up to 30 days to certify any Native American owned business after filing the appropriate documents. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117.

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Opportunity to join the experienced restaurant team at the recently opened Digs Restaurant and Bar (opened in April of 2009) in Three Springs. Johnny Gallegos is the owner of Digs Restaurant and Bar. Johnny has extensive knowledge and experience in the restaurant/service industry. This opportunity will allow a tribal member to work and train with Johnny and his experienced managers in all aspects of restaurant operations.

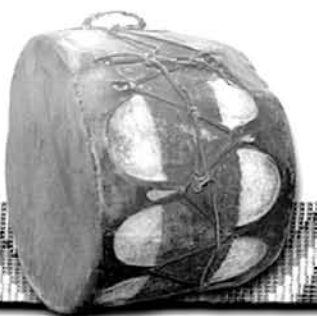
Position Descriptions: Digs Restaurant and Bar in Three Springs, Durango is looking for a Southern Ute Tribal Member to work as a restaurant operations trainee. Responsibilities will include work assignments in and exposure to all aspects of the restaurant's operation including: **Bar Training** (beer/wine knowledge), **Basic Business** (profit/loss analysis, revenue generation, expense controls – exposure to QuickBooks accounting software), **Bus Staff, Cashier, Catering** (sales, service), **Front of House (FOH)** Management (ordering, scheduling, bookkeeping), **Host(ess), Kitchen Management** (ordering, scheduling), **Line Cook, Marketing, Prep Cook, Server**.

Goal: The goal of this internship is to provide a tribal member with a strong base of experience and knowledge in restaurant management and operations. Start immediately. Initially the position will be approximately a six month internship, although the term could be modified based upon the particular interest of the intern. For example, if an in-depth understanding of kitchen operations is desired the term would need to be longer – possibly twelve months. After the initial internship, long term employment would be a possibility based upon the interest of the tribal member, their performance during the internship and the needs of the business. Digs Restaurant and Bar is open for lunch and dinner Monday through Friday and dinner on Saturday. Specific working hours will be negotiated and can be structured to meet the particular needs of the tribal member 40 hours per week or as agreed. \$7.50 hour. Outstanding “hands-on” training and experience.

Qualifications: 18 years of age or older, High School Diploma or GED (transcripts required), Previous restaurant experience would be helpful – but not required.

How To Apply: Application available at Digs Restaurant and Bar in Three Springs
Essay: Please provide a minimum 400 word (approximately two pages) essay along with your application describing why you want to work in the restaurant/service industry.

Additional Requirements: Acceptable attendance and performance are necessary for the internship to continue. All interns will be managed in the same manner as other employees and will be subject to the same rules and policies as other employees of Digs Restaurant and Bar.



Southern Ute Growth Fund - Job Announcements

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • 970-563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com
Tribal Member Employment Preference, Must Pass Pre-employment Drug Test & Criminal History.

Applications Development Manager

Closing Date 3/16/10 - Sky Ute Sand and Gravel
Leading the internal application development of PeopleSoft Human Capital Management (HCM), Finance and Supply Chain Management (FSCM), Kronos and all other enterprise applications where necessary. Coordinate users groups, managing identified projects, upgrades or development as necessary to provide the highest level of customer support. Supervises technical development staff.

Engineer I

Closing Date 3/17/10 - Aka Energy Group, LLC
Entry level position, performing engineering duties in support of the safe, reliable and efficient operation and construction of natural gas pipelines, compressor stations, and gas treating and processing facilities.

Construction Superintendent

Closing Date 3/16/10 - Red Cedar Gathering Co.
Managing contract field inspectors and superintendents, and for providing construction management support for the construction of Red Cedar Gathering pipeline systems, compression facilities, processing plants and associated facilities.

Engineer II - Aka Energy Group, LLC

Closing Date 3/17/10 - Aka Energy Group, LLC
Completing engineering duties in support of the safe, reliable and efficient construction and operation of natural gas pipelines, compressor stations, and gas plants, and, assisting in the evaluation of new business opportunities.

KSUT Board Vacancy

Is seeking a Southern Ute Tribal Member to fill a vacancy on its Board of Directors as a non-paid position which requires attending board meetings every month, with additional special meetings as needed. KSUT is a 501-C3 non-profit organization. Send a letter of interest to Eddie Box, Jr., KSUT, Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Credit Committee Vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Credit Committee has one (1) vacancy.
The Credit Committee members must be at least 18 years old and be an enrolled member of the Tribe with a reputation of dependability and honesty. A confidentiality statement must be signed.
They shall be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration of Policies and Plan of Operation for Tribal Credit. The term may be for a three (3) year period. The Committee meets weekly on Tuesday. Committee members must not be delinquent with Tribal Credit or any Tribal Department.
Duties of the Credit Committee:
• Take initial action for the Tribe on all Applications.
• Have the responsibility of assuring that loans made under the Credit Program are repaid when due.
All interested Tribal members who would like to serve on this committee are urged to fill out an application and submit it to the Personnel Department in the Tribal Affairs Building.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Gaming Commission Vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Gaming Commission, each for a 3 year term. Applicants must possess the following requirements:
• Shall be subject to the same suitability criteria as a key licensee.
• Possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.
• Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
• Have no felony convictions, gambling-related offense convictions, or convictions or offenses involving dishonesty or theft within the past ten years.
• Experience or expertise in regulatory matters, or administrative hearing procedures.
• Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality.
All applicants will be subject to background investigations. Tribal members interested in serving on the Gaming Commission should turn in letters of intent to the Division of Gaming Office by 5:00 PM, April 24, 2009. If you have any questions, please call the Division of Gaming office at 563-0180. The Division of Gaming is located at 149 County Road 517, in the West wing of the Judicial Complex.

Ignacio School District

Job Announcements for the 2010 - 2011 School Year
Application/Info: (970) 563-0500 ext. 221
Application can be found at: www.ignacio.k12.co.us

Assistant Soccer Coach

Open Until Filled - Ignacio School District has immediate opening for an Assistant Coach. Applicant must pass a background check.

District Librarian/Multi Media

Open Until Filled - Position will involve technical assistance with computers, copiers, Smart Boards, interlibrary loans, and the ability to run three libraries throughout the district. Applicant must hold a Colorado Library Endorsement.

Family Consumer Science Teacher

Open Until Filled - Ability to teach culinary arts, nutrition, and other Vocational Family Consumer Science courses. Applicant must hold a Colorado Teaching License and a Vocational Credential.

Vocational Welding Teacher

Open Until Filled - Ability to teach multi positions using A/O arc, mig and tig welders. A working knowledge of computerized plasma cutting is helpful. Applicant must hold a Colorado Teaching License and a Vocational Credential.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Job Announcements

Please refer to the complete Job Announcement and Requirements in the Human Resources Dept. P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Phone: 970-563-0100 • Fax: 970-563-0396 • Hotline: 970-563-4777
*Human Resources accepts applications for Temporary Employment on an on-going basis.

Air Quality Scientist

Closing Date 3/12/10 - Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, coordinates, supervises and conducts technical and regulatory tasks within the Emissions Regulation and Control Division of the Tribal Air Quality Program.

Building Maintenance Division Head

Closing Date 3/12/10 - Management of personnel, programs, and projects within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Building Maintenance Division as it relates to building maintenance.

Water Quality Specialist

Closing Date 03/12/10 - Develops and administer Water Quality Monitoring Programs for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Position is grant funded. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed funding from the US EPA 106 grant, or other grant funds.

Water Quality Technician

Closing Date 3/12/10 - Assist Water Quality Personnel in performing field data collection, computer data input, and other duties associated with water quality management under the §106, §319, and Wetlands water quality grants on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. This position is grant funded. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding.

Referral Services Manager

Closing Date 3/19/10 - Responsible for Tribal Health Referral Services division to include the overall direction, supervision, and technical administration of federally funded contract health services (CHS) and Tribally funded resource pool benefits coordination.

Police Lieutenant

Closing Date 3/23/10 - Under general supervision of the Chief of Police coordinates the efforts of the officers and dispatchers to achieve the objectives of the police department. Serves as acting Police Chief in the absence of the Police Chief.

Patrol Officer

Open Until Filled - Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community.

Advanced Practice Nurse

Open Until Filled - Provides direct and comprehensive primary, preventive and therapeutic medical care to individuals across their lifespan. Clinical supervision will be provided by the Clinical Director. Will have access to the family practice physicians and clinical director for consultation and referrals.

Clinical Director

Open Until Filled - Contract Clinical Management position, organizing and supervising the work of Southern Ute Health Center clinical programs to ensure that effective clinical services are provided and quality standards are met.

Family Practice Physician

Open Until Filled - Contract position, providing comprehensive medical services with special emphasis in family practice to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center.

Temporary Lake Capote Maintenance Worker

Open Until Filled - (2 Positions) Under general supervision of the Lake Capote residential manager and the Parks & Recreation Manager, employee is to: greet guests, collect fees for fishing/camping/ small concessions, provide maintenance, cleaning and repair to the grounds, and assist in construction of continued site developments

Youth In Natural Resources Crew Member

Open Until Filled - (4 positions) Temporary summer position for Southern Ute tribal member high school students, 16 years of age or older. Although Southern Ute Tribal members receive hiring preference, other federally recognized tribes or decedents of Southern Ute Tribal members will also be considered based upon availability. Crewmembers are assembled into a 4 man crew that reports directly to the YNR crew leader and performs a variety of functions associated with environmental education and various disciplines of natural resource management.

Youth in Natural Resources Crew Leader

Open Until Filled - Serves as a role model and mentor for the high school participants. Must be a responsible, enthusiastic, and mature individual who will provide the high school students with the appropriate guidance, encouragement, and support to succeed.

A great new way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, seven days a week! The job hotline lists the job title and closing date for both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund positions. Full job announcement including qualifications in Human Resource Department. Hotline is updated weekly.
*Applications for Temporary Employment are accepted at the Human Resources Department on an on-going basis. Applications are kept on file for six months.

Help Wanted Energy Auditors

The Four Corners Office For Resource Efficiency (4CORE) has published a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for energy auditors for the Weatherization Program. Details are provided on www.fourcore.org/about4core.html#jobs. Submit qualifications as outlined in the RFQ to info@fourcore.org.

Sky Ute Casino Resort - Job Announcements

Human Resources Department: 970-563-3387 • Fax: 970-563-3367
P.O. Box 340 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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The Southern Ute Tribe is looking for Tribal members who wish to help with the 2010 census. Please contact Andrea Taylor, Director of Tribal Information Services at 970-563-4702.

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Ignacio High Athletes Rouse Intermediate Youngsters



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Ignacio Intermediate School student Isaac Suina sits alongside classmates during a motivational presentation on Friday, March 5. The Ignacio High School boys basketball team gave the younger students some words of wisdom along with a preview of some ball handling action on the court.

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

Towering over their younger counterparts like giants, members of the Ignacio High School boys basketball team stood before a gymnasium full of Ignacio Intermediate School students on Friday, March 5, and underscored what led them to a 19-2 record and district and league championships.

“When you do the best you can do, you’ll have no regrets,” said Trae Seibel, a senior and one of the team’s captains. “No matter what, give 100 percent.”

The principle works whether in basketball or, as was the case for the IIS crowd, upcoming Colorado Student Assessment

Program tests, Seibel said. He said as a younger student he would stress over the exams, but he learned to focus that energy positively to help him succeed.

Alex Herrera, another team captain who recently secured a basketball scholarship to Fort Lewis College, echoed the sentiment.

“Grades are important,” he told the students. “In order to get good grades, you have to try hard.”

Then, to illustrate the point, head coach Chris Valdez had the team run a few favorite plays for the children’s benefit. With names like “scramble” and “Arizona,” the drills were fast, furious, and thrilling to the captive audience.

Valdez summed up the presen-

tation with a little advice to the IIS students about how to become like the basketball stars.

“You can’t do that if you’re not a very smart individual, or if you don’t work toward your education,” he said. “Besides being tall and athletic, these guys are also very intelligent. ... Each one of you should have a goal of going to college someday.”

The speech seems to have succeeded in inspiring both the students and the team: Over the next 36 hours, IHS went on to defeat Antonito High School and Alexander Dawson School by scores of 66-49 and 65-46, respectively, and add a regional championship to its already impressive list of accomplishments this season.



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Trae Seibel, a member of the Ignacio High School boys basketball team, shares some words of inspiration on Friday, March 5, at the Ignacio Intermediate School. Seibel is one of the captains of the team, which is coached by Chris Valdez.

Birds of a Feather



...flock together. In this instance, several bald eagles, regularly seen along the Pine River during this time of year, were spotted gathered in a tree along County Road 517 on Friday, Feb. 26, just west of the Southern Ute wood yard. The bald eagles were reported to have gathered with a number of other scavenging birds to feed, as is evident on the face of this mature bald eagle. The eagles make the yearly visit to the Southern Ute Reservation and along the Pine River – taking advantage of the open flowing waters of the rivers, as lakes and ponds typically freeze during the winter months – before migrating back to their traditional nesting areas.

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Drum Joins Press Association



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

In February, The Southern Ute Drum became a member of the Colorado Press Association, a trade association founded in 1878. The CPA convenes annually in Denver to discuss current industry trends. The Keynote speaker for the 132nd annual convention was Tom Curley, president and CEO of The Associated Press. Curley spoke about the future of digital news and the tablet computer as the future medium for newspapers. Drum staffers Ace Stryker, Amy Barry, and Jeremy Wade Shockley attended informational sessions aimed at improving circulation, social media, advertising and the new newspaper business model in a time where traditional printed media is being forced to adapt to changing readership. The message: Keeping pace with the times will ensure that newspapers can continue to deliver news to communities through traditional and online means.

Census Tour Makes Its Way Across Indian Country

By Robert Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum

The Census 2010 Tour rolled onto the Southern Ute Reservation and parked in the Sky Ute Casino Resort’s parking lot on Sunday, Feb. 28, in hopes of recruiting more Southern Ute tribal members to work collecting the needed data for this year’s Census.

The data collected during the Census is important in many ways: helping rescue disaster victims, preventing diseases, and market research, for example. But more importantly, it affects how many seats the State of Colorado occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives. Not only will it aid in government issues, but also in providing a better community infrastructure and thus providing more services.

An accurate count will help hospitals, job training centers, schools, senior centers, and emergency centers, to name a few. The count also helps in the much-needed maintenance of bridges, tunnels, and other public-works projects.

During the stop in Ignacio, Census recruiters were busy hiring people to fill the many positions available for this year’s Census. Recruiters have been conducting training for new hires in the Leonard C. Burch Building and at the Ignacio Community Library.

“We want to recruit more Native Americans,” said Nancy Janney, assistant manager for



photo Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

Karen Wilde (right) presents a plaque from the U.S. Census 2010 team to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in recognition of the Tribe’s support to Councilman Alex Cloud on Sunday, Feb. 28. The Census is sending a tour van through Indian country this month to raise awareness of the upcoming survey.

recruiting. “Our priority is to recruit more Southern Ute tribal members.”

Karen Wilde, tribal partnership specialist for the Denver Regional Census Center, has been on the road doing her part for the Census. She had just flown in from Utah, then headed to Dulce, N.M., and onto Ignacio, and continued to Towaoc on Tuesday, March 2.

Karen Wilde presented a plaque from the Census for the Tribe’s support to Tribal Councilman Alex Cloud. Andrea Taylor, Tribal Information Services director, also accepted gifts on behalf of the Tribal

Council.

The Southern Ute Drum will continue to publish notices and media releases pertaining to this year’s Census, which is set to kick off on Monday, March 22. Census takers will be out gathering information. As there have already been reports of people gathering information posing as Census workers, there are a few precautionary steps recommended to guarantee the person gathering your information is legitimate.

Ask for credentials. They should be wearing an easily visible Census 2010 identification badge, along with the official Census bag containing all of the official documents.

Ask to see crossing permits. Every non-Southern Ute Census taker will have an authorized tribal crossing permit, either on their person or in their vehicle. This is an official document provided by the Tribe to each Census taker, giving them permission to cross onto tribal land.

Official Census takers will never ask for Social Security numbers. The Official Census form, as seen on page 10 of this issue of the Drum, does not include a question about your Social Security number or bank accounts. Do not at any time give out your Social Security numbers, bank accounts, PIN numbers, credit card information or passwords.

If you have doubts about the questions being asked or if you suspect you may be subject to fraudulent behavior, don’t hesitate to call the Southern Ute Police Department at 970-563-4401.



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Jessie Kelleher, a 2010 Census recruiting assistant, and Nan Janney, assistant manager for recruiting, set up a weeklong training session for crew leaders to be working on the Census. Pictured above, Kelleher directs Trinity Vayre and other community members on the details of conducting the U.S. Census on tribal lands. Large-scale maps of Ignacio and surrounding communities help crew leaders gain a better understanding of the Southern Ute Reservation and laws that apply to the checkerboard reservation.